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## Lake Tahoe Basin Special Framework Study

### Monthly Executive Summary

#### Report # 4

March 2002

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#### Accomplishments Since The Last Period:

- Local Stakeholder meeting with Senate appropriation subcommittee staff in Washington DC (Mar 5<sup>th</sup>) led to further Corps meeting with Carl Hasty (Mar 15th) to continue discussion regarding scope of work on proposed **expanded project report**\*. The PM has provided alternative scoping proposal material to Carl to possibly help local stakeholders formulate a consensus on scope. See Issues.
- Groundwater and wastewater line portion of Framework Study are on or ahead of schedule and budget.
- Urban Stormwater Management portion of the Framework Study suffered probable delay due to slow start including postponed initial meeting. See Issues.
- The scope of work for the stream erosion is slightly delayed until Corps R&D Laboratory staff can discuss the issue further with Lahontan RWQCB (delay is not Lahontan). PM is developing alternative resources to perform this work if use of Corps R&D Laboratory will unacceptably delay progress. Resolution is expected NLT next report.
- Discussion with Kevin Hill were initiated to specify cost and process for SAG review of technical products.
- Efforts to find an avenue to facilitate cost sharing/transfer between the Corps and non-Federal stakeholders within existing channel was unsuccessful. The Corps has opened a dialogue with Corps HQ to pursue a unique MOU to allow this function. Initial contact was neutral to positive.

\* Note: The term **expanded project report** will be used until further notice to designate that portion of the project that could be used to further define either Federal participation in the EIP or further Federal authorizations. The **expanded project report** is the fifth project element.

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#### Expected Accomplishments this Month:

- Manage the expectations of **expanded project report**.
- Resolve scope of work for proposed **expanded project report**.
- Revise the schedule to define PMP for the Urban Stormwater study. Determine impacts of delay, if any, and mitigate if possible.

- Resolve the scope of work for stream erosion portion of project including who will execute the effort.
- Define cost and process for SAG review of technical products.
- Determine level of Administration support for unique MOU to allow cost sharing/transfer between the Corps and non-Federal stakeholders.

#### Last Month's Expected Completion

- **Not Complete** - Local stakeholders and Congressional interests should agree on conceptual scope of proposed expanded project report.
- **Mostly Complete** –Determine which local signatories for PMP.
- **Started, but a long way to go.** -Begin outreach actions for the potential **expanded project report** stakeholder group.
- **Still re-focusing** -Re-focus stream erosion project element.
- **Complete** - ready for review PMP elements one –three of PMP.
- **Not Complete** -Final Draft PMP for refocused stream erosion project element.
- **Not Complete** -Draft PMP for **expanded project report**.

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#### View of the Stakeholders:

Some local sponsors have expressed concern regarding the role of the Corps in the Tahoe Basin vis-à-vis the scope of the **expanded project report** and the context of any environmental document (NEPA) that would be associated with that **expanded project report**.

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#### Issues & Recommendations:

- Agreement between local stakeholders and Corps on scope for **expanded project report** is critical. Resolution NLT early-mid April is desired by Corps to allow time to perform effort (granted the effort as yet undefined) and process report to Congress in the timeframe Congress specified. This includes major action by both Corps and local stakeholders.
  - Initial meeting to define project management plan (PMP) for the Urban Stormwater Management portion of the Framework Study set for March 28<sup>th</sup> has been postponed. The delay in scheduling this initial meeting will likely impact the completion date for this segment of work. The PMP defines the detail scope, schedule, and budget for the stormwater study. Impacts associated with this delay can range from “no impact” to compromising the ability to secure FY03 funding to perform the actual stormwater study.
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**Expenditures:** While expenditures for Fy 02 are well ahead of schedule due to fast award of defined project elements (groundwater, storm, sewer), delays in finalizing scope of two remaining project elements may threaten completion dates and availability of funding going forward.

### **Schedule Milestones:**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion</b>	<b>Actual Completion</b>
<b>Expanded Project Report</b>		
Scope/PMP Complete	May 2002	
Draft Report Review	Aug 2003	
Final Report Complete	Nov 2003	
<b>Groundwater</b>		
Initial stakeholder meeting to discuss scope	23 Jan 02	23 Jan 02
Final Technical Project Management Plan	1 Feb 02	10 Feb 02
Interim Study Update	Apr 02	
Attend public and stakeholder meeting to discuss study	14 May 02	
Data Collection	31 Oct 02	
In Progress Review (SAG et. al.)	31 May 02	
Reduction Alternatives Formulation	31 Dec 02	
Draft Groundwater Study Report	17 Jan 02	
Comment Resolution Conference	17 Feb 03	
Final Groundwater Study Report	1 Mar 03	
<b>Wastewater Line Risk Evaluation</b>		
Tabular Summaries of Available Data	12 Jul 02	
Technical Memorandum No. 1 – Planning Constraints and Criteria	31 Mar 02	
Technical Memorandum No. 2 – Basis of Design & Problems and Needs	30 Jun 02	
Technical Memorandum No. 3 – Exfiltration Element	12 Jul 02	
Summary Tables		
Risk Reduction Measures	9 Jul 02	
Technical Memorandum No. 4 – Preferred Measures	23 Aug 02	
Final Action Plan Report	30 Sep 02	
<b>Urban Stormwater PMP complete</b>	April 02	May 02
<b>Stream Erosion evaluation complete</b>	TBD	

### **Team Members at present:**

Coalition – Customer  
Basin Executives – Customer  
John Reuter - UC Davis TRG  
Jeremy Sokulsky- Lahontan  
RWQCB  
Matt Graham - TRPA  
Larry Benoit - TRPA  
Lynda Hyce - TRPA  
Scott Miner – Corps  
Carolyn Meza - Programs

Melissa Kieffer - Corps  
Meegan Nagy - Corps  
Coral Cavanaugh – CDM  
Phillip Brozek – Corps PM